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Nominations of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The functions of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, which are set out in paragraph 3 of document ST/SGB/126 of 1 August 1963 and in its addenda, are:

(a) To lay down general rules governing the action of the Institute in matters entrusted to it;

(b) To review and approve work programmes and the relevant budgets of the Institute;

(c) To submit regularly to the Commission for Social Development a progress report on the work of the Institute.

2. The present composition of the Board is:

(a) A Chairperson, appointed by the Secretary-General;

(b) Ten members nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council;

(c) A representative of the Secretary-General;

(d) A representative of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat;

(e) The Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Institute for Economic and Social Planning, Santiago;

(f) The Director of the Asian and Pacific Development Centre, Kuala Lumpur;

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(g) The Director of the African Institute for Economic Development and Planning, Dakar;

(h) The Executive-Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia;

(i) Representatives of two of the following specialized agencies, appointed in rotation: the International Labour Organization; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and the World Health Organization;

(j) The Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, ex officio.

3. The 10 members of the Board referred to in subparagraph 2 (b) above are nominated by the Commission for Social Development and confirmed by the Economic and Social Council. The term of office of each nominated member is four years, renewable once for a further period of two years.[1]

4. Lourdes Arizpe (Mexico) has been Chairperson of the Board since 2005. The nominated members of the Board are:

- Sir Tony Atkinson (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland), Warden, Nuffield College, Oxford University
- Christian Comeliau (France), former Professor of Development Economics at the Graduate Institute of Development Studies, Geneva
- Yakin Ertürk (Turkey), Professor, Department of Sociology, Middle East Technical University, Ankara
- Anna Hedborg (Sweden), Director-General, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Stockholm
- Asma Jahangir (Pakistan), Partner, AGHS Law Associates, Lahore
- Elizabeth Jelin (Argentina), Senior Researcher, Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CONICET), University of Buenos Aires
- Amina Mama (Nigeria), Professor, African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Marina Pavlova-Silvanskaya (Russian Federation), former Editor, *Pro et Contra*, Carnegie Moscow Center
- Adele Smith Simmons (United States of America), Vice-Chair, Chicago Metropolis 2020
- One vacant position following the resignation of Jomo Kwame Sundaram (Malaysia) in December 2004

5. The term of office of Yakin Ertürk, Elizabeth Jelin and Marina Pavlova-Silvanskaya will expire on 30 June 2007, and they are eligible for renomination for a further period of two years to 30 June 2009.

[1] In its resolution 10 (XXV), the Commission for Social Development decided that the term of office of each nominated member of the Board should not exceed a total of six years.

6. The term of office of Sir Tony Atkinson, Anna Hedborg, Amina Mama and Adele Smith Simmons will expire on 30 June 2007. They will have served on the Board for six years and are not eligible for renomination.

7. There is one vacant position following the resignation of Jomo Kwame Sundaram (Malaysia) in December 2004.

8. The Commission will therefore be called upon at its forty-fifth session to nominate five new members to the Board to replace those referred to in paragraphs 6 and 7 above for a four-year term expiring on 30 June 2011. The Commission will also be called upon to extend the term of office of each of the nominated members referred to in paragraph 5 above for an additional two-year term expiring on 30 June 2009. The biographical information of the five new candidates is contained in the annex to the present note.

Annex

Biographical information

Peter Brandt Evans

Personal data

Nationality: United States of America.

Date of birth: 1944.

Present position

Professor of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, since 1990.

Marjorie Meyer Eliaser Professor of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, since 2002.

Director, Mellon Fellowship Program on Latin American Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, since 1994.

Co-Director, Global Metropolitan Studies Program, University of California, Berkeley, since 2005.

Member, "Successful Societies" Program, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, since 2004.

Education

B.A. Harvard College, 1966.

M.A. Harvard University, 1968.

Ph.D., Harvard University, 1971.

M.A., Oxford University, 2005.

Experience

Eastman Visiting Professor, Oxford University, 2004-2005.

Chair, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 1998-2000, 2002-2004.

Member, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, since 2001.

Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation, 2001-2002.

Chancellor's Professor of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 1997-2000.

Professor of Sociology and Latin American Studies, University of New Mexico, 1987-1990.

Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, CA, 1988-1989.

Professor, Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, University of California, San Diego, 1986-1990.

Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, 1986-1990.

Member, Sociological Research Association (Honorary Society of American Sociological Association) since 1991.

Fellow, Center for the Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (Stanford), 1988-1989.

Guggenheim Fellow, 1988-1989.

Associate Director, Center for the Comparative Study of Development, Brown University, 1983-1987.

Professor Sociology, Brown University, 1983-1987.

Visiting Scholar, Latin American Institute, University of New Mexico, 1983-1986.

Associate Professor of Sociology, Brown University, 1977-1983.

Rosalind Eyben

Personal data

Nationality: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Date of birth: 1944.

Present position

Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies and Leader of the Participation, Power and Social Change Team, since 2002.

Education

B.A. Anthropology (Hons.) London.

M.A. Sociology and Anthropology, Manchester.

Ph.D., Social Anthropology, London.

Experience

Head of DFID Office, Bolivia, 2000-2002.

Chief Social Development Adviser, United Kingdom Department for International Development, London, 1992-2000.

Social Development Adviser, 1986-1991.

Pasuk Phongpaichit

Personal data

Nationality: Thailand.

Date of birth: 1946.

Present position

Professor, Faculty of Economics and Chairman, the Political Economy Centre, Chulalongkorn University, since 1998.

Education

B.A. Economics (Hons.), Monash University, Australia.

M.A. Economics, Monash University, Australia.

Ph.D., Economics, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Experience

Teaching Fellow, Faculty of Economics, Monash University, 1970-1971.

Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, 1971-1973.

Part-time Teaching Fellow, University of Cambridge, 1978-1979.

Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, 1979-1980.

Director of Economic Research Unit.

Expert, Development Economist, Asian Regional Team for Employment Promotion, International Labour Office, Bangkok 1980-1984.

Associate Professor, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, since 1985.

Research Fellow, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore.

Director, Political Economy Centre, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University.

Professor of Economics and Chairman, the Political Economy Centre, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University, 1988-1989.

Jackson Memorial Fellow, Griffith University, Brisbane, Australia, 2003.

Senior Visiting Researcher, Centre of Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University, 2004-2005.

Walker Ames Visiting Professor, Graduate School, University of Washington, Seattle, 2005.

Visiting Professor, Institute of Social Science, University of Tokyo, 2006.

Annika Sundén

Personal data

Nationality: Sweden.

Date of birth: 1964.

Education

B.S. in Economics, Stockholm School of Economics, Stockholm.

M.S. in Labour Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Ph.D. in Labour Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

Experience

Chief, Research Unit, Department of Research and Statistics, Swedish Social Insurance Agency, since 2006.

Chief of Staff, Social Insurance Committee, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, 2005-2006.

Adjunct Associate Professor, Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University, since 2004.

Senior Economist, Department of Research and Statistics, Swedish Social Insurance Agency, 2002-2006.

Associate Director for Research, Center for Retirement Research, Boston College, 1998-2002.

Economist, Division of Research and Statistics, Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D.C., 1994-1998.

Lecturer, Department of Labour Economics, Cornell University, 1993-1994.

Consultant, Public Sector Management Division, Latin America Technical Department, World Bank, 1993.

Researcher, Riksförsäkringsverket (National Social Insurance Board), 1987-1988.

Zenebeworke Tadesse

Personal data

Nationality: Ethiopia.

Date of birth: 1950.

Education

B.A. International Relations/Sociology, Barat College, Lake Forest, IL.

M.A. Sociology, State University of New York at Binghamton.

Completed course work for Ph.D., Sociology, State University of New York at Binghamton.

Experience

Since 1990

Managing Editor, Africa Review of Books.

Founder/Director of Publications/Gender Adviser, Forum for Social Studies.

Consultant, United Nations Development Programme.

International Team Leader, United Nations Development Programme (New York).

International Research Team Member, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development and Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Consultant, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

Consultant, Africa Development Bank.

Principal Researcher, African Union.

Visiting Lecturer, African Gender Institute, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

Trainer, United Nations Population Fund.

National Consultant, Ministry of Economic Development and Cooperation.

Researcher, Institute of Development Studies of the University of Helsinki.

Writer/researcher, Institute of Development Research (Boston).

Deputy Executive Secretary, Council for the Development of Economic and Social Research in Africa (1986-1993).